

THE FIRST TEE CENTRAL COAST

MINI TOUR TOURNAMENT SERIES

PLAYER/CADDIE/PARENT/SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

These guidelines are to help the parents provide the most positive experience possible for young golfers. You can make each child feel like a professional golfer by abiding by these expectations. This tournament series is designed to develop a love for the game of golf and create a loving and supportive life-long recreational activity for all family members.

Behavioral Expectations:

All spectators will cheer and encourage each child in the group at all times.

Absolutely no coaching will be allowed for any reason (this is not about you, it's about the young golfer's development and positive experience).

Caddies/Parents/Spectators may only help the young golfers by carrying their equipment (if necessary) and helping them maintain order and safety.

Young golfers must make **ALL** decisions regarding their game (club choice, ball, tee placement, aiming, etc...) for themselves. Caddies and adults will help with the process of the game (who plays next, where to stand for safety purposes). Corrective feedback is not welcome during the time on the course.

Caddies/Parents/Spectators are responsible for the safety of all players and spectators

Players will be encouraged to play their best at all times.

The goal of the tournaments is for the young golfer to start and finish each hole to the best of their ability.

Once a player begins a hole, they must finish the hole regardless of the number of strokes it takes them (with exception to the 6 and under group).

It is solely the responsibility of the player to report their score and to do their best to write it down on the scorecard. Caddies and parents may not correct the player.

At the conclusion of the round all golfers will shake hands and thank their fellow golfers for sharing the experience with them.

All Values of The First Tee will be displayed during tournament play (courtesy, judgment, confidence, honesty, integrity, respect, responsibility, perseverance, sportsmanship)

At the conclusion of the tournament, Caddies/Parents/Spectators will fill out "The First Tee - Mini Tour Experience" and turn in to the tournament director.

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of each tournament.

***Violation of any expectation should be brought the attention of the tournament director. All violations will result in disciplinary actions determined by the tournament director.**

TOURNAMENT EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES

AGES 6 AND UNDER:

Start from the forward tees or designated teeing grounds area (orange cones in the fairway).

The young golfer may take approximately 10 strokes (swinging and missing does not count) to get their ball on the green (helps with pace of play). If they have not reached the green in approximately 10 strokes, they are allowed to pick up their ball and place it on the edge of the green. The young golfer must finish the hole from that point regardless of the number of putting strokes.

The young golfer will strike the ball until the ball ends up into the hole (start and finish each hole)

The young golfer may want to use a tee for each shot heading toward the green (caddies may help with this to speed up play) which is allowed.

The young golfer may choose to count every time they strike the ball but this is not mandatory.

If the young golfer wishes, count the number of times they struck the ball and record it on the scorecard.

If the golfer chooses not to keep score (highly recommended), ask them how they felt about the hole and draw a facial expression that demonstrates how they felt about their efforts.

All Caddies/Parent/Spectators will fill out "The First Tee - Mini Tour Experience" form at the conclusion of the round and turn it in to the tournament director.

AGE 7-8

Start from the forward tees or designated teeing grounds area (orange cones in the fairway).

The young golfer counts every time they strike the ball - swinging and missing will not count.

The young golfer strikes the ball until the ball ends up into the hole (start and finish each hole)

The young golfer counts the number of times they struck the ball and records it on their scorecard.

The young golfer turns in their scorecard to the tournament director at the conclusion of their 6 hole round.

All Caddies/Parent/Spectators will fill out "The First Tee - Mini Tour Experience" form at the conclusion of the round and turn it in to the tournament director.

AGE 9-10

Start from the back tees.

The young golfer counts every time they strike or attempt to strike the ball.

The young golfer strikes the ball until the ball ends up into the hole (start and finish each hole)

The young golfer counts the number of times they struck the ball and records it on their scorecard before they begin the next hole.

The young golfer signs their scorecard and turns it in to the tournament director at the conclusion of their 9 hole round.

All Caddies/Parent/Spectators will fill out "The First Tee - Mini Tour Experience" form at the conclusion of the round and turn it in to the tournament director.

AGE 11-12

The young golfers exchange scorecards with a fellow player.

Start from the back tees.

The young golfers will abide by the rules of golf to the best of their knowledge.

The young golfer counts every time they strike or attempt to strike the ball.

The young golfer will strike the ball until the ball ends up into the hole (start and finish each hole)

The young golfer counts the number of times they struck the ball and informs their playing partner so they can record it on their scorecard before they begin the next hole.

The young golfer will sign the scorecard they held and attest their scorecard to make sure each hole was recorded correctly and turn the cards into the tournament director upon completion of their 9 hole round.

All Caddies/Parent/Spectators will fill out "The First Tee - Mini Tour Experience" form at the conclusion of the round and turn it in to the tournament director.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TOURNAMENT ROUND

Upon completion of the round, young golfers will sign and turn in their scorecard to the tournament director. All Caddies/Parents/Spectators will turn in "The First Tee - Mini Tour Experience" form at the conclusion of their round. Award ceremonies will be held for each age group at the conclusion of their rounds based on The First Tee values they displayed during their round.